

**JAN 11 2006****RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1762****PATENT**  
Docket No. HOE96/F318**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Fritz Schwertfeger	Group Art Unit:	1762
U.S. Serial No.:	09/308,770	Examiner:	Kirsten Jolley
Filed:	October 28, 1999	Confirmation No.:	6628
For:	<b>METHOD FOR PRODUCING ORGANICALLY MODIFIED, PERMANENTLY HYDROPHOBIC AEROGELS</b>		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are included in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.